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Special Agent Stephen F. Smith is currently the Executive Assistant Director (EAD) for National Security. In this capacity, he is responsible for NCIS' worldwide counterintelligence (CI), counter terrorism (CT), force protection (FP), cyber and Security Training Assessment and Assistance Team (STAAT) programs. He serves as the primary advisor and principal EAD to the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) Director and Deputy Director for all CI, CT/FP, cyber and STAAT issues and initiatives.

Special Agent Smith was promoted to the Defense Intelligence Senior Executive Service in June 2008 and has 27 years of Federal Service.

From September 2007 through May 2008, Special Agent Smith served as the Assistant Director for Inspections/Inspector General, NCISHQ, reporting to the Director, NCIS. In this capacity, SA Smith led programs to enhance the efficiency, effectiveness and integrity of NCIS operations and personnel worldwide. SA Smith was responsible for detailed reviews of all NCIS operational, administrative, and personnel programs, inspections of all NCIS Field Offices and HQ Directorates, and NCIS internal controls and intelligence oversight.

From January 2005 to September 2007, Special Agent Smith served as the Special Agent in Charge of the NCIS Southeast Asia Field Office in Singapore. Special Agent Smith was responsible for all NCIS criminal investigations, and counterintelligence, counter terrorism / force protection, and security operations supporting the U.S. Navy and USMC in an area of operations spanning eight time zones. During this time, he also served as a member of the American Embassy Singapore Country Team.

From July 2004 through January 2005, Special Agent Smith served as the Special Agent in Charge of the NCIS Middle East Field Office, Bahrain. Special Agent Smith was responsible for all NCIS criminal investigations, counterintelligence, counter terrorism / force protection, and security and threat mitigation operations supporting the U.S. Navy and USMC in Bahrain, Kuwait, Djibouti, Dubai/UAE and Iraq. Special Agent Smith led NCIS CT/FP activities, providing threat mitigation for the evacuation of all DOD dependents from Bahrain in 2004. Special Agent Smith served as a member of the American Embassy Bahrain Country Team.

From September 11, 2001 through July 2004, Special Agent Smith served as the Chief of the NCIS Counter Terrorism Task Force (CTTF) and then as Deputy Assistant Director for Counter Terrorism. Special Agent Smith was instrumental in the development of the current NCIS Combating Terrorism Program.

Special Agent Smith joined the NCIS in 1984 at the NCIS Resident Agency Charleston, South Carolina. Special Agent Smith was assigned to the NCIS Resident Agency, American Embassy Manila, Philippines from 1987-1990. He served as the squad leader for NCIS Foreign Counterintelligence activities in the Northeast Region of the U.S. from 1990-1995. In 1995, Special Agent Smith entered NCIS leadership ranks as the Resident Agent in Charge of NCIS Singapore. Special Agent Smith was promoted to Division Chief in 1995, serving as the Pacific and then the Americas Division Chief at NCISHQ in Washington DC.

Special Agent Smith is a graduate of the University of Lowell, Massachusetts with a Bachelor of Science degree in Administration of Law and Justice. He earned a Master of Policy Management degree from Georgetown University in 2010. Special Agent Smith also completed the Maxwell School's National Security Managers Course at Syracuse University in 2005.

Special Agent Smith has received numerous awards and honors, including the Department of the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award.

Mr. Smith was awarded Special Agent Credentials in 1984 and holds TS/SCI (with polygraph) security clearances. His professional affiliations include the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the International Law Enforcement Liaison Officers Association and the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association.